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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

SAM LUTFI,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**LYNNE IRENE SPEARS, JAMES
PARNELL SPEARS, BRITNEY JEAN
SPEARS, and DOES 1 through 25,
inclusive.**

Defendants.

CASE NO.: BC406904

**DEFENDANT LYNNE SPEARS'
MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND
AUTHORITIES IN OPPOSITION TO
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO
COMPEL DOCUMENTS RE:
PUNITIVE DAMAGES PURSUANT
TO 1987 NOTICE**

Motion Hearing Date: 9/25/2012
Motion Hearing Time: 10:00 a.m.
Motion Hearing Place: Dept. 71

Action Commenced: 2/3/2009
Final Status Conference: 9/25/2012
Jury Trial Date: 10/1/2012

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5 Plaintiff Sam Lutfi ("Lutfi") concedes that all of the documents he seeks in his
6 1987 Notice to Produce Documents at Trial to Defendant Lynne Spears ("Lynne")
7 ("the Documents") are premised on Lutfi being able to establish at trial the factual and
8 legal predicates entitling him to seek punitive damages in a second phase of the trial.
9 If the verdicts are in Defendants' favor or even if Lutfi prevails on one or more of his
10 tort claims, but he is only awarded nominal or *di minimus* compensatory damages,
11 from a constitutional standpoint, Defendants' "net worth" may be irrelevant and the
12 Documents would not have to be produced at all. See *State Farm Mut. Ins. Co v*
13 *Campbell*, 538 U. S. 408, 426 (grossly excessive or arbitrary punishment generally
14 exceeding a single-digit ratio between compensatory and punitive damages, violates
15 the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment).¹

16 Consequently, it is uncontested that none of these Documents need to be produced
17 at the outset of the trial or any time thereafter unless and until Lutfi meets his burden
18 of proof, establishes his legal right to punitive damages, establishes his right to seek
19 evidence of "net worth" and the jury makes the necessary findings.

20 In addition, the production of documents in response to Requests for Documents
21 Nos. 6 and 7, relating to the Conservatorship of Britney Spears, will depend on
22 whether Lutfi can establish the existence of such Documents and then overcome
23 issues of privacy and confidentiality. Consequently, since this may require an
24 evidentiary hearing outside the presence of the jury, Lynne requests that any rulings
25 on her Objections to Lutfi's Notice to Produce be deferred to the end of the first phase
26 of trial, when the matter may be entirely moot or clarified by the evidence and jury

27 ¹ For example, a verdict of \$1.00 justifying no more than \$1.00 in punitive damages, would
28 hardly justify the intrusive inquiry into one's "net worth."

1 verdicts.

2 Dated: September 12, 2012

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